

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The Official Action objects to claim 6 because of a typographic error contained therein. The present amendment includes the incorporation of the substance of claim 6 into independent claim 1. Such amendment to claim 1 corrects the language in question. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are therefore respectfully requested.

The Official Action rejects claims 1, 11, and 12 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over NORRIS et al. in view of KAMATA et al. The Official Action separately rejects claims 2 and 3 as unpatentable over the same references, and further in view of ABE. The Official Action rejects claims 5 and 7 as unpatentable over the references applied against claims 2 and 3, and further in view of TOBIYO et al.

The Official Action states, however, that claims 4 and 8 are allowed. Additionally, the Official Action states that claim 6 is allowable but for its dependence from a rejected base claim.

The present amendment incorporates the substance of claim 6 into claim 1, together with the substance of claims 2 and 5, through which claim 6 originally depended. Such amendment, together with the required cancellation of claims 2, 5, and 6, should place claim 1 into condition for immediate allowance. The

allowability of claim 1 necessarily extends to all remaining claims in the application that depend therefrom.

As part of the present amendment, applicant has removed from claim 1 the feature added by the most recent amendment, namely the requirement that the side print comprises at least one character oriented so as to be viewed correctly from the emulsion side of the photo film. Applicant notes that this feature was not required for allowability, as evidenced by the stated allowability of claim 6 in the earlier Official Action of June 3, 2005. At the time of such earlier indication of allowability, the feature that the present amendment removes from claim 1 was not part of claim 1 or any other intervening claim.

Applicant has added the feature removed from claim 1 to new dependent claim 13. This clearly raises no new issue, as the substance of this feature was previously the subject of examined claims.

In light of the allowance of claims 4 and 8, the stated allowability of claim 6, and the amendment of independent claim 1 to incorporate the features of allowable claim 6, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires further clarification of any of the above points, the Examiner may

contact the undersigned attorney so that this application may continue to be expeditiously advanced.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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